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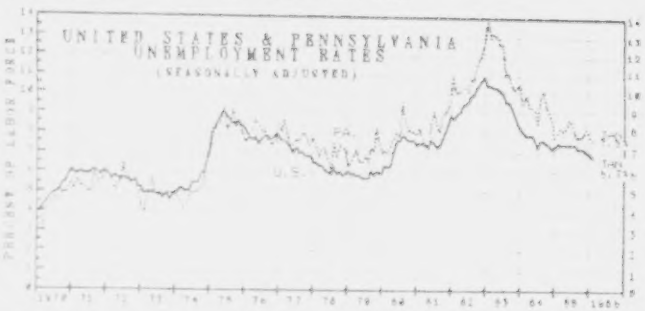
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA
(All Persons in Thousands)

RESIDENT DATA	JANUARY 1986	DECEMBER 1985	JANUARY 1985	NET CHANGE FROM DECEMBER 1985	NET CHANGE FROM JANUARY 1985
UNADJUSTED DATA					
Civilian Labor Force	5,477	5,545	5,393	-68.0	84.0
Employment	5,033	5,139	4,927	-106.0	106.0
Unemployment	444	405	466	39.0	-22.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.1	7.3	8.6	0.8	-0.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA					
Civilian Labor Force	5,589	5,536	5,501	47.0	82.0
Employment	5,162	5,104	5,060	58.0	102.0
Unemployment	421	432	441	-11.0	-20.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	7.8	8.0	-0.3	-0.5



SEASONALLY ADJUSTED EMPLOYMENT REACHES NEW ALL-TIME HIGH OF 5,162,000

Pennsylvania's economy continued to improve in January as seasonally adjusted employment established a new all-time high of 5,162,000 persons, exceeding the previous record of 5,138,000 set in March 1981 by 24,000. This figure, based on the revised labor force data for the eleven largest states recently released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), reflects an increase of 58,000 employed persons since December 1985 and 102,000 more than the year ago level of 5,060,000.

Total resident employment, not adjusted for seasonality, was 5,033,000 in January down from 5,139,000 in December. Typically, the December-to-January change in unadjusted employment represents the largest decline of the year and is due primarily to weather-related slowdowns in construction and transportation as well as seasonal cutbacks following the holiday rush in wholesale and retail trade. This year's decline of 106,000 persons was less than normal. On a yearly basis, the January 1986 unadjusted employment total represents an identical 106,000 gain above the January 1985 employment level of 4,927,000.

Seasonally adjusted unemployment decreased from 432,000 to 421,000 over the month causing the unemployment rate to drop from 7.8 percent in December to 7.5 percent in January, a new recovery low. The present jobless state of affairs compares favorably with the January 1985 unemployment volume and rate of 441,000 and 8.0 percent, respectively.

The nation's seasonally adjusted jobless rate was 6.7 percent in January, down from the December rate of 6.9 percent and the lowest rate since March 1980. United States adjusted employment rose by 749,000 to 108,955,000 in January while adjusted unemployment dropped below 8 million to 7,831,000 persons.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT UP 108,200 OVER JANUARY 1985

Pennsylvania nonfarm wage and salary employment for January amounted to 4,713,000 an increase of 108,200 from January 1985 when the monthly establishment survey reported 4,604,800 jobs. Manufacturing employment decreased by 38,400 with durable goods losing 26,000 of these jobs since January 1985. Nonmanufacturing employment, up 146,500 over the year, suffered a loss of 105,700 jobs from December. This loss was less than expected for the period.

NONMANUFACTURING JOBS: Employment in the Commonwealth's nonmanufacturing sector fell 105,700 from December to a level of 3,646,900 jobs for January 1986. More specifically, retail trade lost 38,400 jobs, services dropped 23,100 while contract construction was off by 21,300. These industries reflect drops in employment attributed to seasonal factors. Transportation & public utilities and mining were the only major nonmanufacturing industries reporting an employment level lower than January 1985, down 5,000 and 2,000 jobs respectively from a year ago. The finance, insurance and real estate division reported a gain of 700 workers, the only major nonmanufacturing entity to report an increase over December. Credit agencies other than banks such as savings and loan associations and credit unions, stimulated by deregulation and the continuing decline of loan interest rates, accounted for the entire increase.

MANUFACTURING JOBS: The drop of 8,400 jobs in the State's plants and factories from December 1985 left employment at 1,063,900 to record a record low in January. In comparison, the recession low of 1,071,200 jobs was recorded in February 1983, 7,300 above the present situation. Durable goods employment decreased by 5,100 while nondurable goods lost a net 3,300 jobs since the previous month. Among job losers, basic steel employment was reduced by 1,400 jobs from December, 11,000 below the 108,600 employed in January 1985. Most notable job gainers were printing and publishing, food and kindred products, and lumber and wood products, all reporting gains of over 1,000 jobs compared with the year ago employment levels.

WEEKLY HOURS AND EARNINGS DECLINE FROM DECEMBER'S RECORD AVERAGES

In January, average hours worked by production or nonsupervisory workers in Pennsylvania's manufacturing industries dropped to 40.0 from December's 41.0. Hourly earnings decreased slightly, from $9.74 (a new record) down to $9.70. The reduction in average weekly hours and hourly earnings resulted in a lower average weekly earnings of $388.00 compared to the previous month's all-time high of $399.34. Last January's figure was $371.78.

Durable goods hourly earnings were $10.48 in January, down 2 cents from December. Average weekly hours fell from 42.0 to 40.7 in January. Average weekly earnings declined to $426.54, a decrease of $14.46 per week from last month's average of $441.00. Nondurable goods January average hourly earnings, weekly hours and weekly earnings were (in order) $8.65, 39.0 hours and $337.35. Comparable figures for December were $8.70, 39.8 hours and $346.26.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
In cooperation with the United States Department of Labor

MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL
ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR JANUARY 1986, DECEMBER 1985 AND JANUARY 1985
(Employment in Thousands) (Production Worker Averages)

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	JANUARY 1986 P/	DECEMBER 1985	JANUARY 1985	NET CHANGE DECEMBER 1985	NET CHANGE JANUARY 1985	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS JANUARY 1986 P/	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS DECEMBER 1985	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS JANUARY 1985	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS JANUARY 1986 P/	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS DECEMBER 1985	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS JANUARY 1985	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS JANUARY 1986 P/	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS DECEMBER 1985	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS JANUARY 1985
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY	4713.0	4826.8	4604.6	-113.8	108.4									
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	1063.9	1072.3	1102.1	-8.4	-38.8	$388.00	$399.34	$371.39	40.0	41.0	39.3	$9.70	$9.74	$9.45
DURABLE GOODS	610.1	615.2	636.0	-5.1	-25.9	426.54	441.00	416.52	40.7	42.0	40.4	10.48	10.50	10.31
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	23.5	24.5	22.1	-1.0	1.4	305.76	315.61	291.72	39.2	39.8	39.0	7.80	7.93	7.48
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	20.2	20.8	20.5	-0.6	-0.3	328.25	355.32	316.01	38.8	42.0	39.7	8.46	8.46	7.96
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODS	46.2	46.9	47.0	-0.7	-0.8	422.91	431.70	398.52	41.3	42.7	40.5	10.24	10.11	9.84
PRIMARY METALS	97.6	99.0	108.6	-1.4	-11.0	487.87	510.05	468.42	39.6	41.4	39.1	12.32	12.32	11.98
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	91.5	92.1	91.7	-0.6	-0.2	427.43	438.70	416.72	41.7	42.8	41.3	10.25	10.25	10.09
NONELECTRICAL MACHINERY	110.4	111.3	116.4	-0.9	-6.0	436.24	457.95	431.39	41.0	43.0	41.6	10.64	10.65	10.37
ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC MACH	101.5	100.4	108.9	1.1	-7.4	399.08	403.52	387.03	41.1	41.6	40.4	9.71	9.70	9.58
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	62.6	62.8	63.7	-0.2	-1.1	479.64	477.09	502.80	41.1	40.5	41.9	11.67	11.78	12.00
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PROD	37.4	37.7	37.8	-0.3	-0.4	400.31	434.13	371.30	41.1	43.5	39.5	9.74	9.98	9.40
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES	19.2	19.7	19.3	-0.5	-0.1	380.55	387.32	306.49	40.1	40.6	36.4	9.49	9.54	8.42
NONDURABLE GOODS	453.8	457.1	466.1	-3.3	-12.3	337.35	346.26	313.50	39.0	39.8	38.0	8.65	8.70	8.25
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	91.2	92.6	89.4	-1.4	1.8	376.81	389.79	352.43	40.3	41.6	38.9	9.35	9.37	9.06
TOBACCO PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.0	-0.1	240.20	252.36	232.80	40.1	42.7	40.0	5.99	5.91	5.82
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	30.5	30.9	32.3	-0.4	-1.8	260.24	258.30	240.31	38.9	38.9	37.2	6.69	6.64	6.46
APPAREL AND RELATED PRODUCTS	94.0	94.0	104.8	0.0	-10.8	202.21	201.53	197.73	34.1	34.1	33.8	5.93	5.91	5.85
PAPER PRODUCTS	40.4	40.8	41.2	-0.4	-0.8	447.77	462.92	391.85	43.6	44.9	42.5	10.27	10.31	9.22
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	77.2	77.6	75.2	-0.4	2.0	404.09	425.60	380.09	39.5	41.2	38.2	10.23	10.33	9.95
CHEMICAL AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	59.5	59.6	59.7	-0.1	-0.2	472.63	488.32	459.90	41.9	43.6	42.0	11.28	11.20	10.95
PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS	11.1	11.3	12.7	-0.2	-1.6	564.48	562.92	584.16	42.0	41.3	43.4	13.44	13.63	13.46
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	36.7	36.9	37.0	-0.2	-0.3	357.37	364.65	343.97	41.7	42.5	40.9	8.57	8.58	8.41
LEATHER PRODUCTS	10.9	11.1	11.4	-0.2	-0.5	210.90	213.38	203.87	37.0	37.5	36.8	5.70	5.69	5.54
NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	3646.9	3752.6	3500.4	-105.7	146.5									
MINING	33.9	34.8	35.9	-0.9	-2.0									
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	172.2	193.5	157.0	-21.3	15.2									
TRANSPORTATION	133.3	140.4	135.1	-7.1	-1.8									
PUBLIC UTILITIES	100.1	100.9	103.3	-0.8	-3.2									
COMMUNICATIONS	47.2	47.9	51.0	-0.7	-3.8									
ELECTRIC, GAS AND SANITARY	52.9	53.0	52.3	-0.1	0.6									
WHOLESALE TRADE	257.0	258.7	249.2	-1.7	7.8									
RETAIL TRADE	827.1	865.5	783.9	-38.4	43.2									
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	133.4	147.2	127.2	-13.8	6.2									
FINANCE,INSURANCE AND REAL EST	266.1	265.4	254.7	0.7	11.4									
BANKING	85.5	85.5	83.3	0.0	2.2									
INSURANCE CARRIERS	75.8	75.7	72.8	0.1	3.0									
SERVICE AND MISCELLANEOUS	1178.9	1202.0	1115.7	-23.1	63.2									
BUSINESS SERVICES	197.4	199.0	173.4	-1.6	24.0									
HEALTH SERVICES	396.7	395.6	378.5	1.1	18.2									
HOSPITALS	219.0	219.2	214.6	-0.2	4.4									
LEGAL SERVICES	32.1	32.3	30.3	-0.2	1.8									
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	138.8	150.9	134.3	-12.1	4.5									
SOCIAL SERVICES	70.4	71.4	67.1	-1.0	3.3									
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	54.9	54.6	51.2	0.3	3.7									
GOVERNMENT	678.3	691.4	665.6	-13.1	12.7									
FEDERAL	138.2	137.9	134.7	0.3	3.5									
STATE	143.9	152.2	141.9	-8.3	2.0									
LOCAL	396.2	401.3	389.0	-5.1	7.2									
PERSONS IN LABOR-MGMT. DISPUTES	2.2	1.9	2.1	0.3	0.1									

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** EMPLOYMENT DATA IN THIS PUBLICATION HAVE BEEN REVISED TO **
** FIRST QUARTER 1985 BENCHMARKS AND ARE THEREFORE, NOT STRICTLY **
** COMPARABLE WITH FIGURES PUBLISHED PRIOR TO MARCH 1986. **
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FOOTNOTES:

Resident Data are workers by place of residence. They include wage and salary workers, self-employed and unpaid family workers and persons involved in labor management disputes.

Establishment Data are estimates of jobs by place of work. Persons involved in labor management disputes are not included.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment are benchmarked to first quarter 1985.

The Pennsylvania Employment and Earnings Report is published quarterly, April, July, October, and January. A condensed report is published for all other months. If additional data are needed, telephone 717-787-3886.

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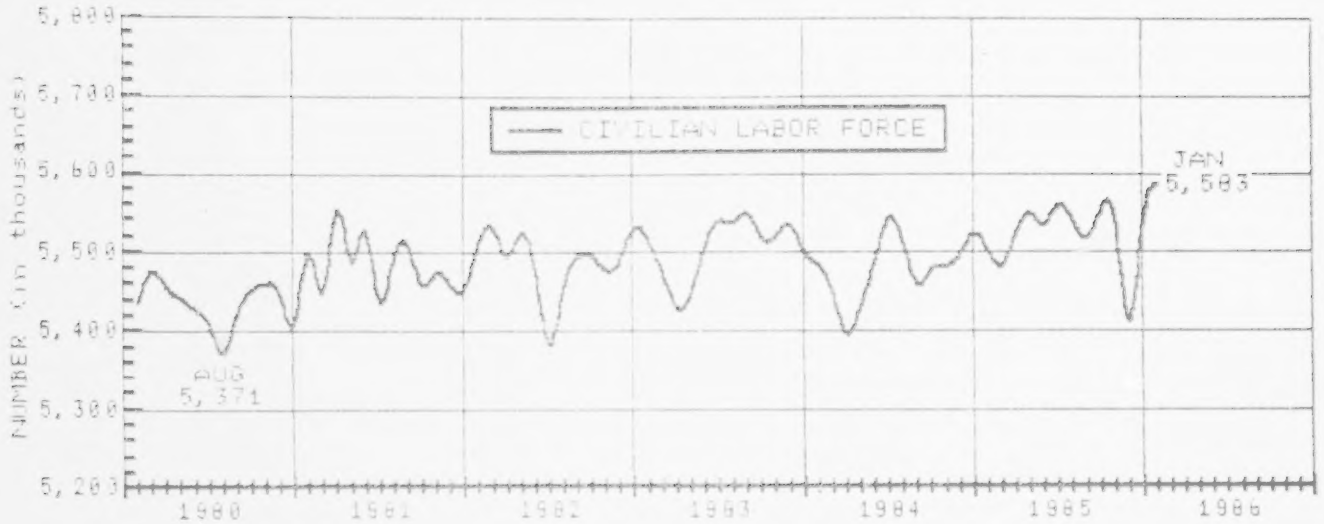

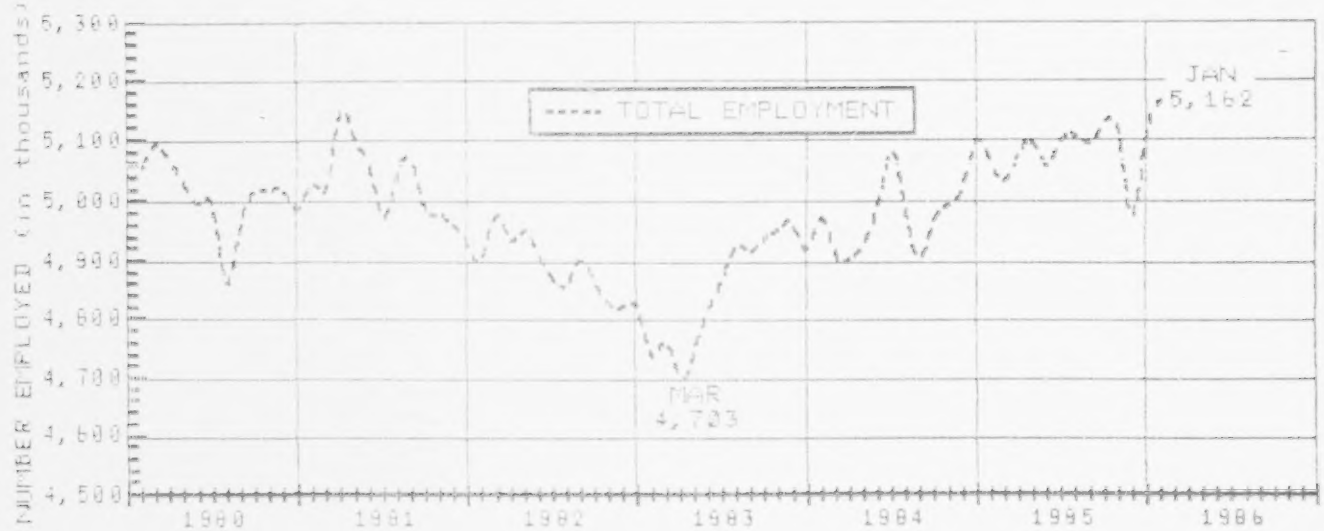

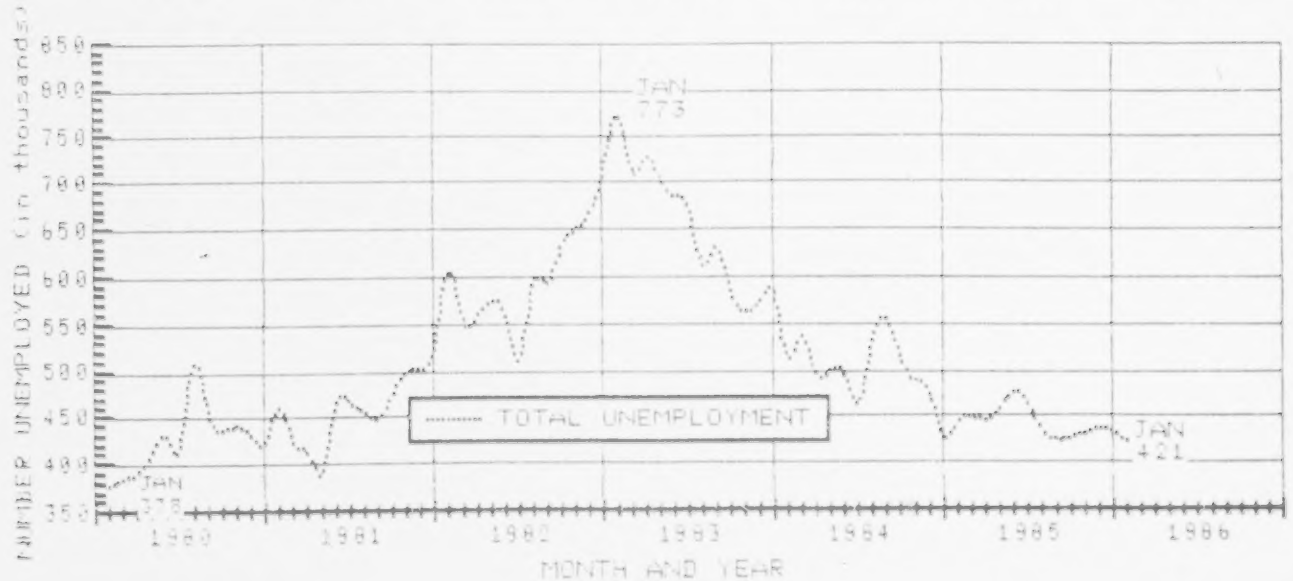

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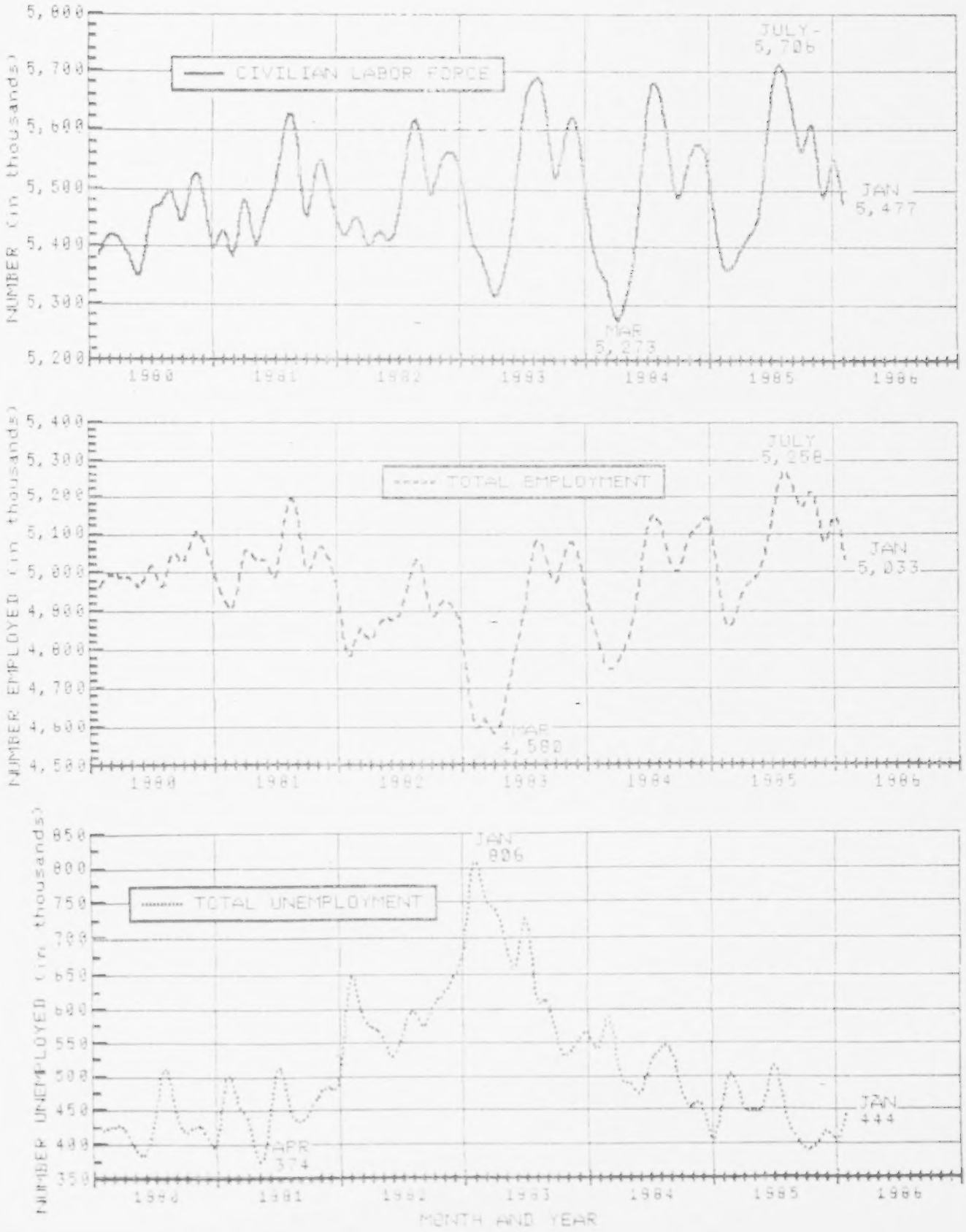

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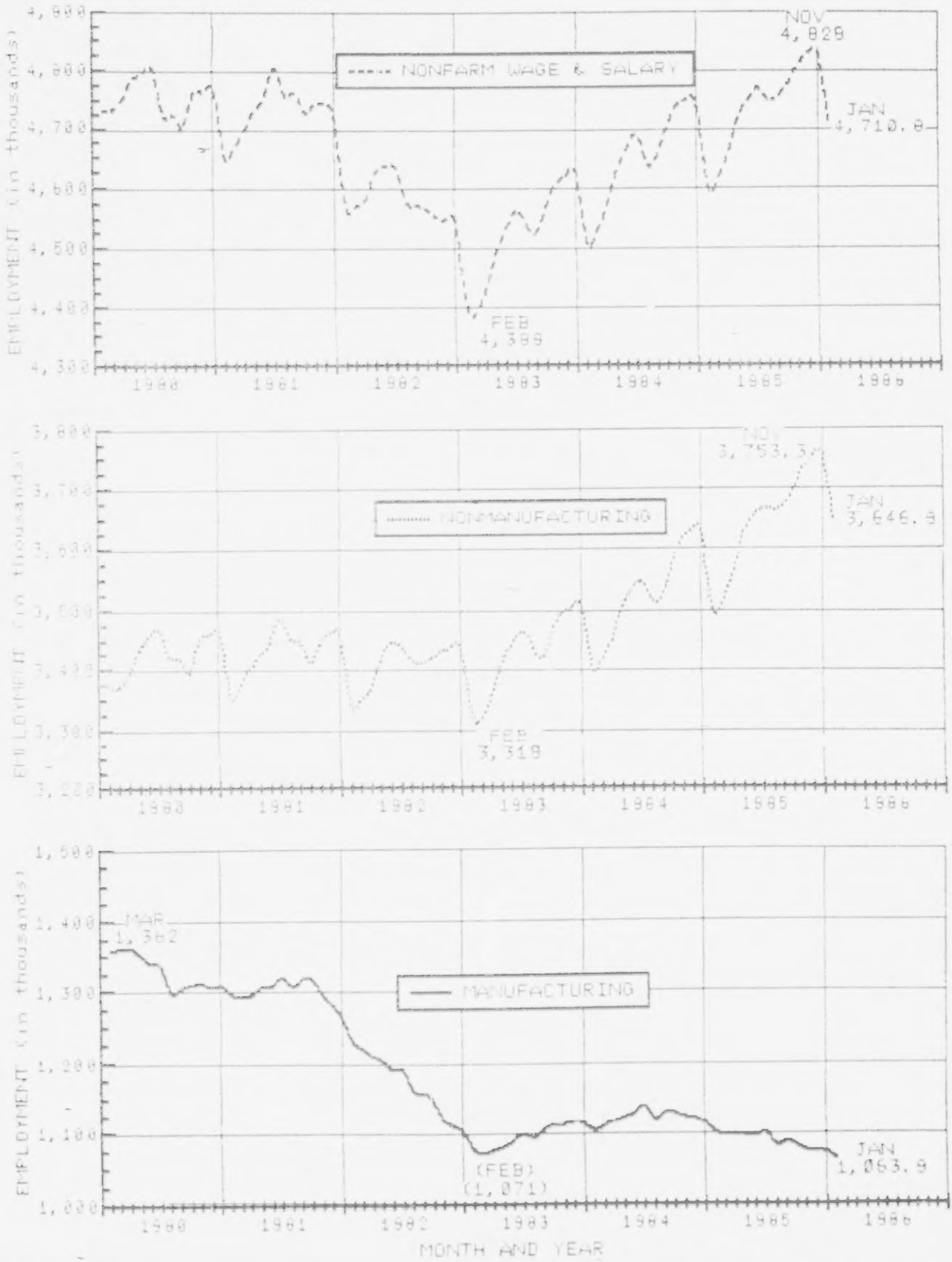

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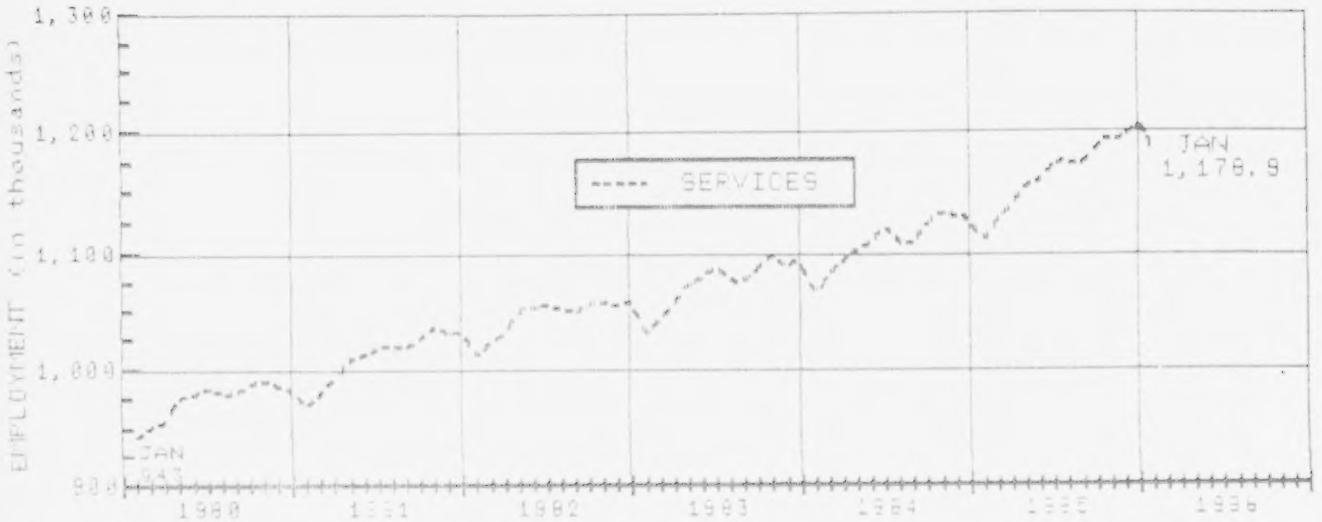

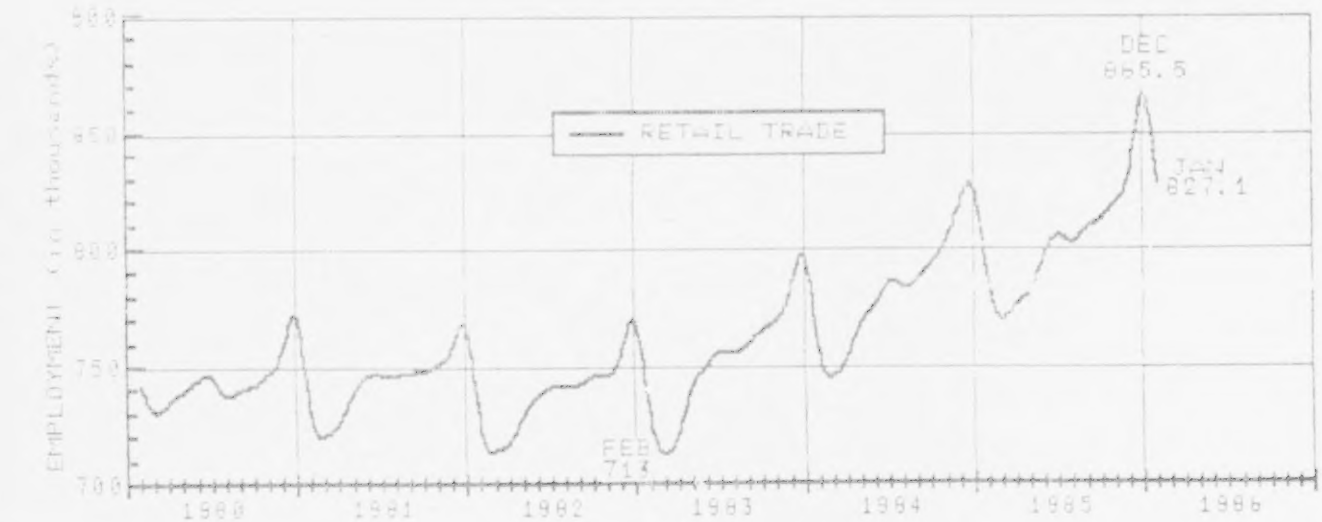

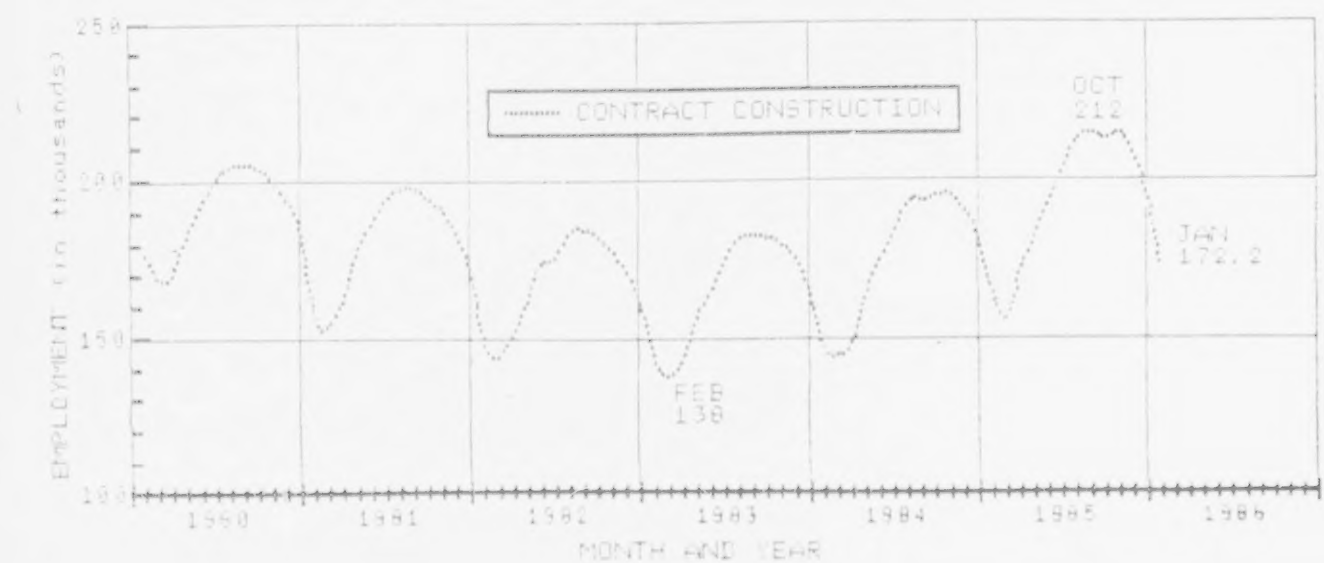

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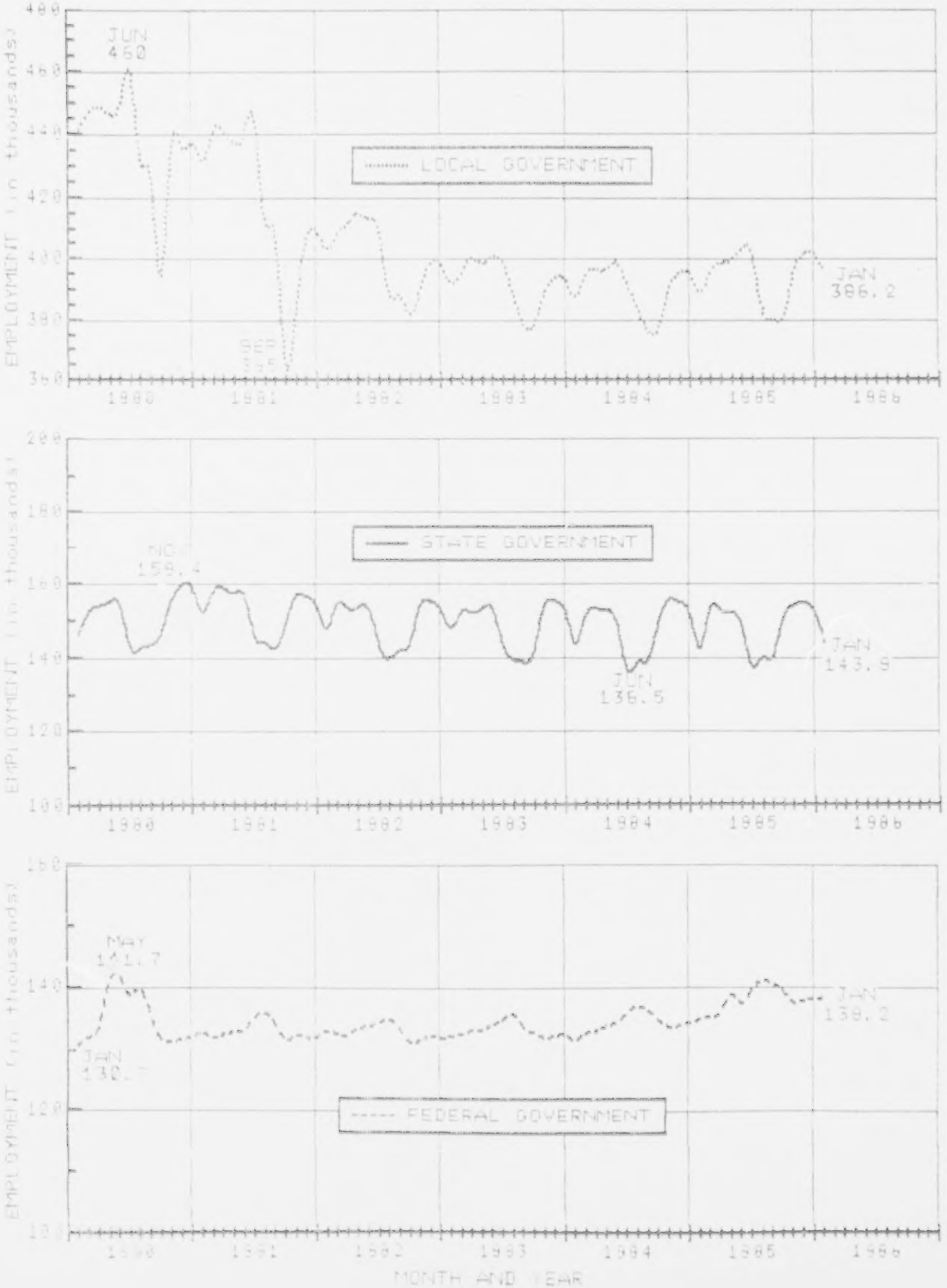

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